

23 April 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Air Travel

1. You will recall that a so-called compromise version of a proposed Agency Notice on "Airplane Travel Accommodations" was forwarded to the General Counsel, Comptroller, Chief of Logistics, and Assistant Director for Personnel, for comment and/or concurrence.

2. The AD/P and General Counsel have given unqualified concurrence. The Comptroller has concurred with the suggestion that certain minor changes be made. The Chief of Logistics has taken precisely the same position he has adopted from the start, namely, that the Notice serves no useful purpose, and presumably should not be issued. The line of discussion followed by the Chief of Logistics is contradictory and illogical. On the one hand he complains that the proposed Notice fails to "clearly specify a positive Agency policy in regard to the utilization of second-class airplane travel accommodations (and that) the Notice leaves the determination as to when second-class accommodations will be specified in travel orders entirely to the discretion of the official delegated authority to approve travel orders". He then proceeds to take the position that we should not adopt "a more restrictive policy than that followed by other Agencies" Our proposed Notice can hardly be called "restrictive" since, as the Chief of Logistics himself points out, it "leaves the determination . . . entirely to the discretion of the official delegated authority to approve travel orders". Further, as the General Counsel's comments indicate, while the Government Travel Regulations specify the maximum accommodations allowable, these regulations do not inactivate, in the travel field, an Agency's continual responsibility to find more economical ways of administering its program.

3. Since no valid arguments have developed against issuance of the Notice, up to this point, it is suggested that it be disseminated for concurrence among the major components which have not yet commented, namely, DD/I, DD/P, OTR and Commo. Accordingly, it is recommended that the accompanying draft of a memorandum be approved for the purpose of transmitting the Notice for concurrence to these offices. The Notice to be forwarded for such concurrence would be the draft as amended by the Comptroller. Normally, we would send the Notice to the Regulations Control Staff and ask them to do the coordinating. Since some offices might be inclined to question the need for this Notice (because they don't know the special background) I believe a transmitting memo from you would tend to forestall this reaction.

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